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SUBJECT: PRE-LICENSE CHECK AT THE ASTANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WITH THE ASTANA CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTION SERVICES. EXPORT LICENCE NUMBERS D346127 AND D346119

REFTELS: USDOC 4415, USDOC 4416, ALMATY 3742, USDOC 4831

1. CS ALMATY SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER MITCHEL AUERBACH AND INDUSTRY SPECIALIST OKSANA CHUKREYEVA CONDUCTED A PRE-LICENSE CHECK AT THE ASTANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE ASTANA CITY DEPARTMENT'S SANITARY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTION SERVICE, ON NOVEMBER 17, 2005, AS REQUESTED IN REFTELS USDOC 4416 AND USDOC 4416.

2. THIS PRE-LICENSE CHECK WAS CARRIED OUT REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF MIKRON INFRARED THERMO IMAGING CAMERAS USED TO DETECT HEAT VARIANCES FROM INCOMING PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT ASTANA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. FOR THOSE PASSENGERS, FOR WHICH "ABNORMAL" BODY TEMPERATURES WERE DETECTED, LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WOULD TAKE THEM ASIDE FOR FURTHER SCREENING RELATED TO GOVERNMENT OF KAZAKHSTAN CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE BIRD FLU INFECTION. SHIPMENT OF THESE CAMERAS HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, BUT IS ANTICIPATED WITHIN ONE-TWO MONTHS, UNDER EXPORT LICENSE NUMBERS D346127 AND D346119, RECEIVED BY MIKRON INFRARED, INC., 16 THORNTON ROAD, OAKLAND, NJ 07436.

3. POST WAS ABLE TO SCHEDULE THE VISIT WITHOUT DELAY FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THE INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE PREMISES OF THE ASTANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WITH ITS DIRECTOR ROBERT YOUNG, AND WITH MS. FARIDA SAGINDIKOBNA, DIRECTOR OF ASTANA'S EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTION SERVICE. NEITHER THE SCO NOR MS. CHUKREYEVA EXPERIENCED ANY RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF MS. SAGINDIKOBNA OR MR. YOUNG TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PRE-LICENSE CHECK. DURING THEIR VISIT, THE PRE-LICENSE CHECK TEAM EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLYING WITH ALL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LICENSES AS WELL AS THE RIDERS AND CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE LICENSE.

4. RECOMMENDATION: ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT THIS TECHNOLOGY WILL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE EXPORT LICENSE AND THAT THE ASTANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE ASTANA CITY DEPARTMENT'S SANITARY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INSPECTION SERVICE CAN BE CONSIDERED RELIABLE RECIPIENTS OF SENSITIVE U.S. TECHNOLOGY.

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